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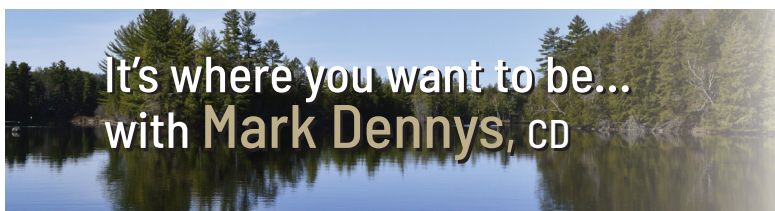
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# HHHS grateful for provincial funding infusion

Haliburton Highlands Health  
Services to receive \$99,000 in  
one-time funding

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

On Oct. 17, the Ministry of Health announced \$68 million in funding for small- and medium-sized hospitals across the province. Haliburton Highlands Health Services received one-time funding of \$99,000, which CEO Carolyn Plummer said in her October report would "help support the continued operation of our hospital services for this fiscal year."

"Very happy about that," she said at the board meeting held Oct. 31. "That's certainly going to help us with some of the financial challenges that we're facing this year and so we're so grateful to receive that."

According to the MOH's announcement, "the investment will: help ensure that Ontarians continue to have access

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## Season ends with a win

Red Hawks player Carson Sisson, who had a touchdown and scored a two-point convert, rushes the ball against St. Peter Catholic Secondary School defenders during Kawartha High School Football League action on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks, who were led by Camden Marra with two touchdowns, ended their season by beating the Saints 28-7. Desi Davies also scored a touchdown and completed a two-point convert. See story on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Hockey Haven co-founder remembered for his love of Haliburton

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When the skies opened up, showering rain down on Haliburton last Wednesday, it captured the sombre mood in the hockey world as news spread of the pass-

ing of Hockey Hall of Famer Jim Gregory.

Haliburton will forever be indebted to the man who with Wren Blair co-founded the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre and Haliburton Hockey Haven.

During its heyday, Hockey Haven drew the who's who of the NHL such as Bernie Parent and Bobby Orr, both Hockey Hall of Famers. It became a mecca for young

hockey players, providing them hockey instruction and the unforgettable experience of rubbing shoulders with future NHL players immersed in the rugged beauty of the Highlands.

Scotty Morrison, former NHL referee-in-chief and Haliburton booster, was

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## Eagle Lake area fire results in \$60,000 smoke damage

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A fire started in an Eagle Lake area home after mattress material against an oil furnace chimney pipe was ignited when the furnace came on, according to a press release from Dysart et al fire chief Mike Iles.

Neighbours called in the sound of a smoke alarm and smoke coming from the building, where no one was home, on Cosmic Lane on Friday night.

The house was full of smoke when Dysart fire department responded to the scene on Nov. 1 just after 8 p.m. with 17 firefighters and six fire trucks.

"Firefighters entered the building and located the fire

in the basement furnace room," the press release states. "Firefighters removed burning material and extinguished the fire."

While firefighters were able to remove the burning material and put out the fire, and though there was minimal structural damage and no water damage to the building, extensive smoke damage caused an estimated \$60,000 in damage.

"Furnace and electrical rooms should be maintained free of debris and combustibles," reads the press release. "Never store items near furnaces, water heaters or electrical panels. Please ensure that your homes and cottages have working, up to date smoke alarms on all floors outside sleeping areas, and carbon monoxide alarms outside of all sleeping areas."

No injuries were reported.

## Three Haliburton County residents charged in theft and drug ring

Three Haliburton County residents have been arrested and charged by Haliburton Highlands OPP as part of an investigation into a theft and drug ring.

A Nov. 1 press release from the Haliburton Highlands OPP says detectives in the community street crime unit are currently investigating a number of suspects in a multi-jurisdictional theft and drug operation.

According to the release, "police have been piecing together information regarding thefts and drugs connecting Haliburton County, Muskoka and Bancroft areas," since September 2019.

"To date, officers have recovered skid steers, trailers, boats and snowmobiles among other items," as part of the ongoing investigation, says the release.

Both a 38-year-old Minden Hills resident and 28-year-old Minden Hills resident were arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a prohibited weapon; possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000,

and three counts of possession of controlled substances – two counts of codeine, and one of cocaine.

A 42-year-old Dysart et al resident was arrested and charged with four counts of theft over \$5,000; two counts of theft under \$5,000; possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000; possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, and possession of a controlled substance (cocaine).

The three accused will be making separate appearances in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay.

If you have information on these thefts or suspects contact the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the OPP at 705-286-1431, the Provincial Communication Centre at 888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 with your information. You may submit a tip online at [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

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## Enviro—heroes wanted

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is looking for nominations for their annual Enviro-Hero Awards, which recognize those who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering the local environment.

One adult or group and one youth or group will be chosen this year for an award.

The winners will have contributed to the protection and sustainability of the environment "through their action or initiative, through education or stewardship," a press release states.

Stewardship is defined as "conserving or preserving our water, flora, fauna or mineral resources." Education in this case is "effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth or adults."

To put a nomination forward, include a short description of the nominee and explain why you are nominating them. To make a nomination or to get more information, contact the land trust office at 705-457-3700 or email [admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca). Nominations close on Friday, Nov. 15.

The winner will be announced at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust open house on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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## Correction

In the story "Spike in opioid overdoses, deaths in 2018," in the *Haliburton Echo* on Oct. 29, an incorrect figure was published due to a typo. For Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, there were 222 suspected drug overdose-related emergency department visits, which includes opioids and other drugs, among HKPR residents in 2018. The original version included the wrong figure of suspected drug overdose related ER visits.





### Day of the Dead honours those who have passed on

A Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration held Nov. 2 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum included a striking altar honouring departed loved ones, refreshments that included tres leches cake, and a talk by Dulce Acero, who spoke to Mexican traditions and culture as well as worldwide celebrations of ancestors and friends and family members who have died. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

# Funding acknowledges 'pivotal role' of small hospitals: CEO

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to high-quality care; help put an end to hallway health care; address sector challenges and previous funding model inequities; promote the sustainability of hospital operations; and protect existing core services in communities across the province."

In her report, Plummer said, "We are grateful for the investment being made by the provincial government, and for the recognition of the pivotal role that small hospitals such as HHHS play in fostering healthy communities. This funding will help HHHS ensure our community continues to have access to the critical health services needed to help it thrive."

The MOH press release notes the province will invest \$27 billion over the next 10 years in hospital infrastructure projects across Ontario, including adding 3,000 new hospital beds.

## Seeing through patients' eyes an eye-opening experience

Patient experience mapping, which helps HHHS better understand where services are working or what needs improvement from a patient's perspective, has begun with those with a chronic disease or related condition who have accessed one of the county's emergency departments in the last few months.

The work is being led in partnership with the community advisory committee.

"The first part of that mapping process was for us as an organization to put down on paper all of the steps that we know have to happen when someone comes through our doors," said Plummer. "The next step is to take that and have a group of patients who have gone through that experience come and tell us what it's like for them at all of those specific points in time, and that will help us identify gaps and areas where we can make some improvements."

Plummer said the mapping was an "interesting experience."

"Just as an example, [in undergoing the exercise] one of the first things we found is that I think it took us a good half hour

to actually get through the door, by the time we talked about where our signs are, how people find us, especially at [the Minden] location where it depends on what road you come in on, how do you know where emerg is, so it took us a good deal of time even to get to that point."

Plummer said the intent was to look at other services offered through the HHHS organization as well.

"[It was] certainly an eye opening exercise to go through about how something that sounds not all that complicated can actually have a lot of complexity associated with it," she said.

## HHHS encourages flu shots

Flu season has begun, and Plummer reminded in her report to "[p]rotect yourself, protect your loved ones, and protect patients, residents, and clients by getting your flu shot."

The annual HHHS flu shot campaign encourages staff and volunteers to receive their flu shots. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has issued a flu shot challenge to health service organizations, with an award going to the organization with the highest vaccination rate. Last year, the Minden emergency department won the award for highest percentage increase in vaccination rate.

"Getting your flu shot and proper hand washing are the two best ways to prevent yourself from getting the flu and also spreading it to others," said Plummer.

Jeff Gollob, board chair, asked if Plummer had received feedback yet on the efficacy of this year's vaccine.

"I haven't received any formal feedback," she said. "Actually usually by now we've heard something and I haven't yet."

Dr. Diane Duff, VP clinical services, said this year's vaccine had been altered after its initial release.

"They did tweak it because in Australia and Asia, the results were not good," she said. "Part of the reason it's coming out a little bit late is that they have done some last minute adjustments to it based on the experience out of Australia. We won't know now until we get in flu season and we'll see whether or not we've done a

good job with it."

"Of course there's always a degree of effectiveness even though it may not be as high as we'd like," said Dr. Keith Hay, interim chief of staff, noting that the vac-

cine this year is a quadrivalent vaccine, offering one more antigen than a trivalent vaccine.

"We're calling it the super shot," said Plummer.



The HHHS board discussed new funding, a patient experience mapping exercise and this year's flu shot, among other things, during their Oct. 31 meeting in Minden. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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# Moffatt floats housing task force

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Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Oct. 23 meeting of Haliburton County council.*

Following a housing summit that took place in West Guilford on Oct. 18, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt asked fellow county councillors if there was any interest in a county-created housing task force. Moffatt noted there are a number of organizations working on the complex issue of more affordable housing in the community, albeit sometimes in silos.

"I'm just looking for, if there's enough interest of the county councillors here today, can we, at a future meeting, have some sort of conversation about what that would look like, how it would operate, who would be assigned to it," she said.

There seemed to be enough interest for the issue to be discussed at a future meeting.

"I'm interested in having a subsequent conversation," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, adding, "But, the caveat is, not to add another process, or layer of bureaucracy."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said he thought it was important for any task force to have very specific goals.

"I'm supportive of it, but I want to know what this thing's going to look like," Kennedy said. "A task force, to me, is you're given a specific challenge with a specific job to do with specific delivery expectations. And what is that? I don't want another committee."

Moffatt said she wasn't thinking of a county-run committee, but rather a county-facilitated process of establishing a more centralized platform for housing work to get done.

"Just, how do we facilitate the existing work that is being done into one place?" she said.

Moffatt said she'd also like to see increased information-sharing between organizations, and an improved housing section on the county's website with better and more complete information for residents.

## LIDAR mapping project proceeding

The imagery for the county's LIDAR mapping project has now been successfully captured and is being processed in Calgary, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has expressed interest in assisting the county with its flood mapping.

LIDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging, uses a laser-based system to produce extremely detailed topographical images. Aerial images must be used to create LIDAR mapping, and capturing those images required so many days of clear weather. While the images were not captured during 2018, county planner Charley White said that Airborne Imaging, the consultant the county is using for the project, had successfully captured the required images earlier this month and they are currently being processed in Calgary. It is expected that process will take place in stages over the next couple of

months.

White said she'd also received a call from the MNRF. "They're looking to partner with the County of Haliburton... and looking for ways in which we can collaborate," White said, adding the ministry had expressed interest in assisting the county with its flood mapping.

"This is kind of a miracle," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "... I hope it's as good as it appears to be."

In 2018, the county was approved for funding from the National Disaster Mitigation Program to assist with flood prevention planning. It received nearly \$180,000, funding half the cost of Phase 1 of a county flood mitigation project. The county provided the rest of the funding

in its 2018 budget. Phase 1 of the project includes the Burnt River and lower Gull River watersheds, which are prone to spring flooding.

## Wade In Haliburton

The county has a new online public engagement platform, where it is currently soliciting feedback from residents regarding the creation of a shoreline protection bylaw. County planner Charley White told councillors that response has been strong. To learn more or to participate, visit <https://wadein.haliburton-county.ca/>

# Commemorative garden planted at Haliburton cenotaph

To mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of The Netherlands, the Royal Canadian Legion 129 Haliburton has planted 60 orange and yellow Liberation 75 tulip bulbs and 40 purple grape hyacinth bulbs at the cenotaph in Haliburton.

Symbolism behind the tulip originated in the Second World War when the Dutch royal family sent tulips to Canada as a thank-you for liberating Holland and providing refuge to Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard and their daughters Beatrix and Irene during the war.

Master gardeners Carolyn Langdon and Winnie Kasepчук as well as Haliburton Legion member Lynn Pitman planted a "Drift of Tulip" garden on Oct. 23. A white stone was also placed at the site. When the garden blooms, the Legion will hold a dedication ceremony and a brass plaque will be added to the stone.

Permission to plant the garden was obtained from the Municipality of Dysart et al and the gardens were prepared for planting by Jim Elstone and staff.

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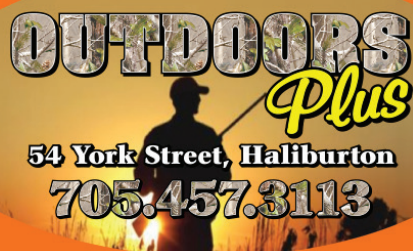




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## Liberation tulips

ONE CANNOT help but feel great pride and simultaneously great sorrow when thinking of the Canadian liberation of Holland and the horrific conditions the Dutch lived under leading up to May 5, 1945.

This spring will mark the 75th anniversary of that endeavour and a nationwide campaign to remember the sacrifice of members of the Canadian service, their families and the 7,600 who lost their lives.

In Haliburton, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 is participating in the campaign by planting a special commemorative flowerbed at the cenotaph, which will bloom in the spring. Special tulip bulbs called Liberation75 bulbs will be part of the garden with yellow and orange blooms – orange is the colour that represents Holland. The campaign intends to have 1.1 million Liberation75 tulips bloom across the nation this spring, representing the 1.1 million Canadians who served in the Second World War.

The Dutch have been sending tulips to Canada every year since 1945, showing their gratitude for the liberation of their country and also for Canada providing refuge to members of the Dutch royal family. This year, they sent 100,000 bulbs, marking the 75th anniversary.

The First Canadian Army, including Canadian, Polish, Dutch and British troops, was responsible for clearing German forces from

along the Scheldt River, which led to Antwerp, a key port for Allied forces. Nearly 13,000 men were killed in the effort, more than 6,000 of them Canadians. They fought in dangerous, depressing conditions, moving through the muddy polders and over dikes, as the western part of Holland is land reclaimed from the sea.

Living under Nazi occupation was brutal for people in The Netherlands, who had little food and feared being taken from their

homes to be sent to work in German factories, or concentration camps for Jewish members of the population.

Food was so scarce that those who had pets kept them locked indoors so they didn't end up on their neighbours' dinner tables. Hunger drove some to eat what would normally be inedible – grass, tulip bulbs – because rations would

hardly feed a family for a day, let alone a week.

Accounts of the Canadian liberation of The Netherlands are incredibly moving – many can be easily found online – telling of intense celebrations throughout the country.

Marking this important moment in history is one way we can honour the lives of a generation of young Canadians who sacrificed so much. We remember them on Nov. 11 and will have the chance to further reflect this spring as the cenotaph comes alive with bright tulip blooms.



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watt

## Editorial



Forest, first snow

by Darren Lum

## Not a mouse

THE CRASH PULLED Tracy out of her seat. She had been reading in her favourite old chair, soft and enveloping like hot chocolate on a winter's day, when she heard it. The storm had been battering the world outside her house for close to an hour.

George managed to sleep through almost anything but not Tracy. With an open bedroom window, the wind pummeling the trees had kept her from settling into sleep. So she finally decided to get up and return to the book in the living room. George snoozed on.

Now Tracy wondered if a tree had come down. Almost dreading what she might find, she turned on the outside lights and peered through the patio doors. First she scanned the pines and maples for gaps and rubble on the ground. All seemed as it should be.

Then she caught movement out of the corner of her eye and it pulled her toward the swimming pool. Both avid swimmers, Tracy and George had decided one of their goals upon retiring was to install a pool behind their house. In the summer the grandchildren lived in it and it was one more way to keep everyone off their cellphones and active out-of-doors.

But with no grandchildren around and George sawing logs upstairs, she wasn't even thinking about the pool. However tonight something was happening in or around it but she needed more light to see what was going on.

Imagine her surprise when she turned on the spotlights and saw a moose swimming there. The animal had torn through the liner and was splashing around in circles, obviously trying to figure out what kind of pond it had stumbled into. The huge animal looked panic-stricken, its long legs pounding the water furiously.

For a second Tracy froze. It was definitely time for George to wake up. So she went upstairs and roused him. At first he thought he was dreaming, looking up at her in confusion as she shook his shoulder declaring there was a moose in their pool. Once fully awake, he looked

outside. Then he understood. They had a problem but didn't know what to do about it.

"Let's call 911," he said. "They'll tell us who we should talk to." The operator directed them to the police. The officer who answered their call seemed to be taken off guard with their information but after a quick assessment of the situation, told them to just go to bed, the moose would be fine for the night and then directed them to call the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in the morning.

Needless to say, neither of them managed much sleep the rest of the night. As dawn broke they got up and headed for the patio doors, afraid of what they might see outside. But to their relief, while the moose was still there, it had managed to find the shallow end of the pool. There it stood, munching on soggy leaves the wind had deposited around the side.

The hard part was bidding their time before the ministry office opened. While they waited, Tracy made coffee and they stood sipping and watching the moose. The wind had died down now and the sky was a warm pinkish grey, hinting at a gentle early fall day. The moose continued to munch and move about the shallow end.

Once Tracy was able to reach the government she explained everything that had happened. The storm, the moose crashing into the pool liner, the swimming around all night, the shallow end retreat, the leaves being consumed. Everything.

There was a pause on the end of the line. Suddenly Tracy heard more sounds coming from outside. She put the phone down for a minute while she investigated. As she watched she saw the large animal heave itself up and out of the water and head for the trees.

Returning to the phone she relayed what had just happened. The ministry person was glad to hear the good news but before ending the phone call, the employee remarked that a mouse in a pool is really not that big a problem.

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# points of view

## Moving moments

I HAVE ALWAYS believed some forward thinking politician should put forth a law that requires furniture makers to affix graphic warning labels on their products. They could call it Steve's Law, if they liked.

This thought occurred to me again this past weekend when Jenn decided we should rearrange the furniture in our house.

This was one of those things that could have easily been avoided with a few seconds of sprinting. Alternately, had I looked at the couch and saw a label that depicted how lifting said couch is harmful to a person's back, I might have had a legitimate medical reason to explain the fetal position I took.

Unfortunately, there was not a single warning label on any furniture we own, so I had no valid reason to refuse to move the couch. After all, this and trash day are the main reason women put up with us.

You probably believe this is nonsense. In fact, there are some hopeless romantics who believe that women choose a partner solely based on love. I am not so cynical as to deny this, but I am also not naïve enough to think our potential for

moving furniture is not also taken into account.

Women are not stupid.

They have been enlisting their men to rearrange furniture ever since someone discovered that it was better to sit on a log or boulder than the cold cave floor. In fact, I'm sure somewhere in some yet undiscovered cave there is a pictogram of a man moving a large, comfortable looking boulder to another part of the cave his woman is pointing at.

The problem with moving furniture is that it never reaches its final destination on the first or even second leg of the journey. Worse still, moving one piece of furniture causes a chain reaction.

Take, for instance, the couch we moved.

Jenn began by saying, "You know if we just moved the couch a little closer to the TV, it would make the living room look way better."

Having been through this rodeo before, I knew this actually meant, "We are going to move the couch one foot forward towards the television to confirm that this is too close. Then we will move it back 11 inches, where we will determine this is the perfect location. The only problem is now that we have moved the couch, we will need to empty the bookshelf and move it 3.2 inches due south, which means we will need to move the armchair to the far wall, which naturally means we will need to remove the swivel chair and ottoman from this room altogether so we can turn the dining room table perpendicular and get rid of the long end table behind the couch, which will allow us to move the couch one more inch back from the TV. And, by us, I mean you..."

Needless to say, that was only the beginning. Frankly, by the time we were done, if a forensic scientist dusted our place for fingerprints, he or she would have found mine on every book, shelf, cabinet, table, end table, couch, chair, armchair, ottoman, carpet, dining room table, lamp, hutch, plate, gravy boat and vase. They would have also found many quietly shed tears.

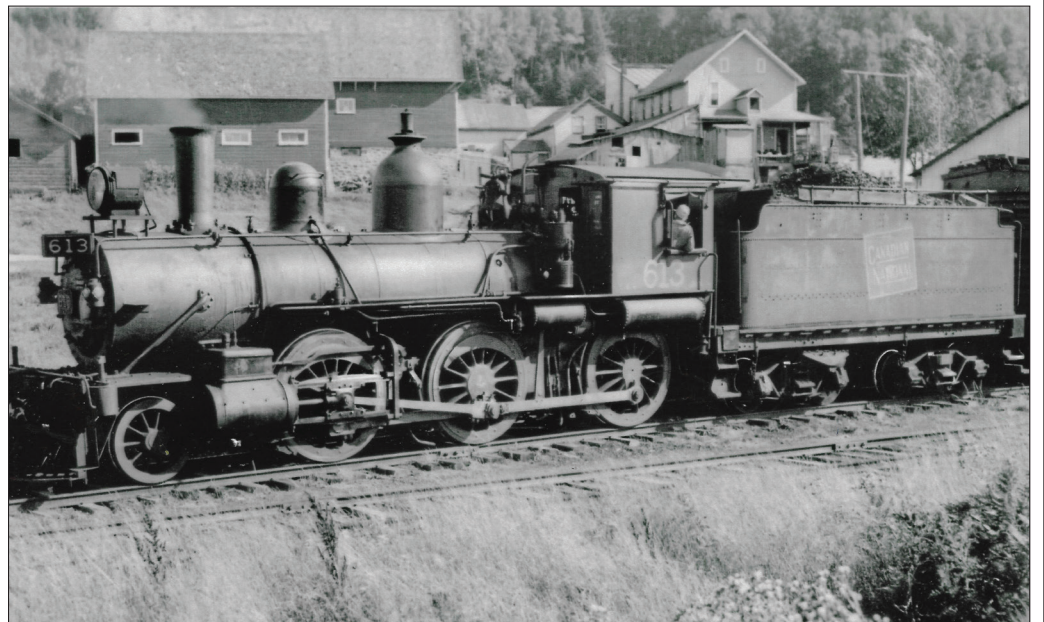
The good news is that Jenn was 100 per cent correct. The rearrangement of furniture actually did make the place look bigger. It also made the living room appear more intimate and the dining room appear a little more defined and formal. And, aside from excellent supervision, that is what women bring to the game.

I am also happy to report I added a bit to our home's décor. The pictogram is in the furnace room.



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## pic of the past

Haliburton is still recognizable in this photo, taken around 1939, of the CNR locomotive at the Haliburton rail yards looking south toward Highland Street. In the background, you can see Wilson's barn and shed, now just known as "the Barn" and moving to the right, the location of the first Bank of Montreal, then the Freeman's 5-10 store, Highlander Hotel, then a vacant lot. David Bishop brought this photo in to the *Echo*. He said it came from Steve Hill at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

## letters to the editor

# Remembering the village of Haliburton

To the Editor,

I have written in the past about childhood memories of Haliburton. Recently I have remembered a little about what the main street was like as compared to what exists today. Seventy five years has seen some changes. I hope that my memory has been fairly accurate but for those who have a more precise memory it belongs to them but not me.

My first time living in Haliburton was in 1941-42. I cannot remember too much from that time but we lived first in a house on Mountain St. presently owned by Peter Epps. We moved from there to Dr. Speck's house directly across from the present post office.

About 1942 we moved away from Haliburton to Grimsby and then on to the Montreal area in Quebec. My parents brought us back to Haliburton in 1946 when my mother purchased the Highlander Hotel.

Home was on Haliburton's main street and I recall here what I remember it looked like at that time.

Starting on the south side at the corner opposite the Echo office was the "new" post office. Then there was open space between there and the Brohm house which was located in the present Kosy Korner spot. That area is now occupied by stores. The Brohm family had a "farm" at this location and raised chickens, pigs and milch cow. The boys that I had some association with were Charlie and Eddy. Next to this was Moss Robertson's butcher shop and next to it was the building owned by Berkley Feir, housing a barber shop and pool hall. Then came Curry Motors (presently Shoppers Drug Mart) and in a small space Tom Carnochan's barber shop.

In the area of the Foodland parking lot was a residence occupied by the Richardson family. Mr. Richardson worked for the Department of Highways and his wife Bea was a school teacher. Their two children were Brian and Dennis. This was a

brick building and attached to it was the hardware store, owned after the war by Carl Hussey. Next to that was a laneway servicing businesses in the back area including Russel Dart's coal business and some residential accommodation.

Continuing to the east was Jack Robertson's grocery store, the Dysart telephone office, Jack and Edna Austin's residence, Chamber's garage (Sharpley's sports store), a vacant area (but later the Nichol's drug store and now a dress shop), a residence (formerly the Niven house and now Woodside), the electrical store owned and operated by Reynolds and Hussey, the then "new" Molou theatre, the Star cafe where Algonquin Outfitters store is presently located on the corner.

Crossing the street easterly was the drug store on the corner and the former post office which in 1948 became Curry Motors' new location and presently the Rexall drug store (the drug store returns to original site). Continuing eastward was a vacant lot owned by Bert Curry (now the LCBO) and then his house, now Bishop and Rogers. The house on the corner was owned and occupied by Niemi.

Crossing the street to the north side was the Consky house, followed by Kellett house and next to it his brother Cliff Kellett's barber shop and his and Hilda's residence. The children were Bill and Diane. Today this general area is taken up with the dentist's office and pet store.

Then came the Irish residence and a residence attached to the corner building which was "Darlack's Hardware" store under a partnership with Harold Black and Russel Dart.

Crossing the street to the present CIBC was Robert's grocery store and next to it was the body shop owned by Ron Curry and formerly a Shell garage (now the Res).

Then came the horse chestnut tree in front of the surveyor Webster's office and subsequently occupied by Frank Hodgson Insurance and beside it to

see HOW page 11



# Honouring the life of Private Benjamin Bird

JENN WATT

Editor

Private Benjamin Charles Bird, born in Haliburton to John and Hannah Bird, was 34 when he enlisted in the army in 1915. By that time, he was living in Alberta and listed his trade as mechanic. Records show that he was five-foot-nine, 140 pounds and healthy when he signed the attestation that he was willing to serve in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force and that he would bear allegiance to King George in doing so.

He was sent to France where he fought with the 49th Battalion. He died less than two years after he signed his attestation papers, on Sept. 15 or 16, 1916 near Courcellette, France during the Battle of the Somme.

A newsletter from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum tells the story of the battalion's offensive in France. On Sept. 15, the second Canadian division captured Courcellette with shelling continuing through the night. The next day, bombing and blocking parties were sent forward, the story says.

"Enemy troops were driven from their main trench and 'blocks' established in a former enemy communication trench to hinder raiding parties," it reads.

"Shortly before 5 a.m. on Sept. 16, the Battalion Headquarters, then in a former German dugout, was destroyed by an exploding shell. All the staff, Griesbach's officers, became casualties and most of the unit files and records were lost."

Maps and other paperwork were also destroyed.

"Throughout the day, Sept. 16, the enemy artillery fire was heavy, as was their machine gun and rifle fire. Casualties mounted, particularly amongst the 49th Battalion officers," the story reads.

"The Battalion suffered a 37 per cent wastage rate in two horrible days" with 43 killed, 191 wounded, 19 missing.

Bird was killed in action and his body was not recovered. His name was inscribed on the Vimy Memorial, which the Commonwealth War Graves Commission says "commemorates more than 11,000 men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force killed during the First World War in France and who have no known grave. Many of them died in the Battle of Vimy Ridge."



Private Benjamin Bird was from Haliburton, but moved to Alberta where he enlisted. He fought with the 49th Battalion of the Edmonton Regiment. He was killed in action on Sept. 15 or 16, 1916.

An article in the June 18, 1924 edition of the *Calgary Herald* discovered by local historian Adele Espina addresses a poem written by Bird, which was published under an imposter's name. The story also notes that Bird died at the Battle of the Somme.

The poem is called "Where the Great Peace River Flows" and was written by Bird in the trenches.

There's a river that is flowing,  
up toward the northern sea,  
'Tis not famed in song or story,  
yet it has a charm for me;  
It called me from the southland  
where the cherry blossom grows,  
And I settled down contented  
where the Great Peace River flows.

Chorus

Where the Great Peace River' flowing,  
Where the pretty bluebell grows,  
Where the prairies are a-glowing  
With the beauty of a rose;  
Where the sun is always shining,  
No one sits down there repining,  
Each day has a silver lining  
Where the Great Peace River flows.

I've a little moss-chinked cabin just  
beyond the northern shore,  
Where I hope to live my lifetime out  
when this cruel war is o'er;  
May life deal kindly with me, and all  
the troubles and the woes  
Be to me a fleeting memory where  
the Great Peace River flows.  
Chorus

We have come from every nation, they  
have sent the very best  
To uphold the flag of Britain in the  
grand and glorious west;  
And no foeman's feet shall trample on  
our pretty prairie rose,  
It's the emblem of our country, where  
the Great Peace River flows.  
Chorus

When I get the final summons to the  
Courthouse in the skies,  
From the Judge of all the Nations,  
may He deem it no surprise  
If I ask him just one favour - He may  
grant it - no one knows;  
"Send me back to fair Alberta, where  
the Great Peace River flows."

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Espina says from her research, Bird was living in West Guilford in 1901 and working as a labourer. By 1911, he was in Nipissing working as a prospector on a mining claim. His siblings included Frances, Sarah, Hannah, James, Mary and Archie.

Bird's service file states he was unmarried when he enlisted.

*Editor's note: Thank you to Adele Espina for her invaluable research on Benjamin Bird.*

## North Entrance Masonic Lodge honours Benjamin Bird

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, Haliburton's North Entrance Masonic Lodge opened its doors to the public for the first time to pay homage to Benjamin Bird with an empty chair ceremony.

Bird became a Mason in 1907, according to research done by Murray French.

Roger Hillier, the empty chair ceremony director, said that the ceremony dates back to the American Civil War and was used to remember those who died in conflict.

The ceremony included passages read by members of the lodge as well as Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. St. George's Choir, trumpeter Hugh Taylor and bagpiper Reid Torrey provided musical interludes.

An empty chair adorned with a white apron, symbolizing innocence and freemasonry was placed on the chair and as the ceremony progressed, attendees made their way to the front of the room to place poppy pins and cedar branches. The evergreen is a symbol of immortality.

"It was very lovely how it was put together. Everything was lovely," said Doreen Cowen, who attended the ceremony with other members of the Bird family. Cowen's father was first cousins with Benjamin Bird.

Masonic records include Bird's activities with the organization, but also reflect his charitable nature.

"It was recorded on Jan. 28, 1910 he donated the sum of \$3 to the Hospital for Sick Children's Fund," the research document reads. "It doesn't sound like that much, but if you consider a loaf of bread at that time cost three to four cents, well, you do the math."

Hillier said the empty chair ceremony may be performed at other lodges in the future, honouring Masons who did not return from war.

\*See *County Life* on Thursday, Nov. 7 for photos of Benjamin Bird's family at the empty chair ceremony.

# Remembrance Day services

## Haliburton Legion:

Remembrance Day Service at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 in the Legion Main Hall. Wreath Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. at the cenotaph on Highland Street. Remembrance Day lunch at noon in the Legion Club Room. Remembrance Day dinner in the Main Hall doors open at 5 p.m./dinner at 6 p.m. – tickets are \$20 per person.

Anyone wishing to lay a wreath at the ceremony in remembrance of a loved one, can contact the branch at 705-457-2571.

## Minden Legion:

Remembrance Day Service at the county cairn, downtown Minden in the Village Green next to the CIBC on Monday, Nov. 11, starting at 10:40 a.m.

Following the service, a light lunch will be available at the Minden branch. Those who would like to lay a wreath at the ceremony in remembrance of a loved one, can contact the branch at 705-286-4541.

## Wilberforce Legion:

Douglas C. Hatch, Branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Wilberforce will be holding their Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph adjacent to the Lloyd Wat-

son Centre commencing at 10:45 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11.

Following the service and laying of the wreaths a lunch put on by the Ladies Auxiliary will follow at the branch – by donation.

## Kinmount Legion:

Service at the cenotaph on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:45 a.m. in Kinmount. A light lunch will be available at the Kinmount Legion after the service. There will also be a small service on Monday Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

## Gooderham

Service at the cenotaph in Gooderham on Monday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

## Burnt River

Service at the Burnt River Cemetery Monday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.

## Gelert

Service at the Gelert Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.





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# Gregory conducted life and business with 'pure class'

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saddened by the death of his longtime friend, who died at age 83 at his home in Toronto on Oct. 30.

"It's a great, great loss. There's no question about that," he said while speaking on the phone from British Columbia.

Gregory, who grew up in Dunnville, was born in Port Colborne, Ontario on Nov. 4, 1935.

His loss goes beyond his building efforts for hockey and Haliburton.

He will be missed by many including Morrison's family.

After talking to his daughter, Morrison was reminded how close the two families are.

"She said ... 'when Mom died I can remember how Jim just talked to us and did whatever he could and all the rest and any of the arrangements that we had to make.' That was just part of him. I guess it came so easy for him to be friendly and to do whatever he could to help in stressful situations," he said.

Gregory's involvement with hockey included being the Toronto Maple Leafs general manager from 1969 to 1979 – eight of those years the team made the playoffs; then serving in different executive roles for the NHL such as director of Central Scouting, executive director of hockey operations, and senior vice-president, hockey operations and supervision for the NHL, and was inducted in the Hockey Hall of Fame as a builder in 2007. He was also the chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee from 1998 to 2014 and received the Order of Hockey in Canada in 2015.

Morrison wasn't sure about why his friend was known as "Mr. Gregory," but said it was a fitting sign of respect and may be similar to how past NHL president Clarence Campbell was known as Mr. Campbell.

Back when Morrison was referee-in-chief for the NHL and Gregory was the general manager for the Maple Leafs, he remembers a situation that left them both laughing.

"He was sitting in that box that [Maple Leafs owner] Harold Ballard and [former player and executive] King Clancy used to sit in. And Jim was sitting in that box with them and I was sitting in my two seats. You know this was in the old Maple Leaf Gardens. I was sitting in my two seats and Jim was trying to get my attention and he was unhappy with the refereeing. Joan, my wife Joan said to me, 'Don't look over there now, Scotty, but Jim is trying to get your attention,'" he said. "... I finally looked over and I put my hands on my ears and then my eyes – like hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. And he just burst out laughing. We talked about it after ... but I wasn't going to look over ... while he was trying to get my attention. We talked about it after and I said, 'Wait 'til I get a hold of that wife of yours after and I'll tell her.'"

Don Popple, former owner of Curry Motors and now retired, said he knew Gregory through Morrison. "He had a soft spot for Haliburton," he said.

Popple said Hockey Haven, which Gregory started with Wren Blair, was great for Haliburton, drawing people from all over.

"It really put Haliburton on the map," he said.

Past Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey said Gregory was an important figure and should be remembered for his contributions to the community.

"This man had an important impact on the growth of Haliburton, connections to Haliburton Hockey Haven, Pinestone, and delivering a taste of NHL hockey team



Hockey builder Jim Gregory, who helped bring NHL players to Haliburton through Haliburton Hockey Haven, died last week at the age of 83. In this file photo, Gregory is seen with his photo mural when it was unveiled by the Municipality of Dysart et al in 2015 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Spearheaded by local hockey historian and producer Charlie Teljeur, Dysart et al honoured hockey greats through this initiative./DARREN LUM Staff

to Haliburton, resulting in NHL stars investing and living in our community. I think sometimes when we don't know history we lose it," he wrote in an email.

Charlie Teljeur, hockey fan and producer of the Haliburton hockey documentary *There's Something in the Water?*, was saddened to read the news about Gregory on Wednesday.

"He was one incredible human being," he wrote in an email. "Although he wasn't from Haliburton originally, he's a lot like Walt McKechnie in that he adopted the Highlands as his home. Haliburton almost literally became his adopted family."

Teljeur, who interviewed Gregory for his hockey documentary, said the Hall of Famer with his friend Wren Blair have an incredible Haliburton legacy.

"Think of how that decision – to open the Hockey Haven – has affected Haliburton in the most positive of

ways. Think of how many people know this place and call it home because of the camp," he said.

He characterized Gregory as a "gentleman through and through."

"He conducted his life and his business with pure class, a man whose ethics were never compromised. As big as he got in the world of hockey he was always humble enough to remember where he comes from. He was never too busy to say, 'hi.' He would stop me in the grocery store and do just that. It's humbling considering his stature," he said.

"On a side note I'm very grateful I had the chance to help honour him in the film and the book and with the mural on [the] arena walls. I'm glad he was around long enough to see what he meant to this community," he said.

  
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# How the town has changed

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to the west, the original site of Kosy Korner operated by Ray Archer who married my Grade 2 teacher Miss Tully. This is now McKecks.

Then of course comes Bernstein's store still standing. Then Tiberi's store of fruit and vegetables. In the late '40s the Dollo brothers operated a fruit and vegetable store in this location.

In the area of the Van Lieshout real estate office and barn was "Wilson's" barn.

Then came the Bank of Montreal and Freeman's 5-10 store. Now the two-storey building housing real estate and insurance offices.

Continuing west on the main street was my home the Highlander Hotel presently Glecoff Family Store. Then an open space on which Jack Pollard later constructed stores. Next to this was a candy and bake shop store offering the fresh bread, buns and tarts from the Dart Bakery.

Then came Burk's restaurant presently the pizza restaurant and followed by a residence now the clothing store.

Last on the main street north side was the cenotaph. A place of very special attention and reverence. A place to be protected and reflected over. The war was just over and a number of veterans returning had businesses on the main street. We were all aware of the sacrifices they and their fellow servicemen had made. Nov. 11 was the day of Remembrance.

The main street has changed but it was and still is a busy place of people and community.

David Bishop  
Haliburton

## Hold on to your hats ... Irish Mythen in concert

"I had no idea what to expect when this five-foot-nothing lady took the stage, all smiles and twinkling eyes and guitar. Then, she opened her mouth and out flew a voice that came straight from the Heavens..." That is singer-songwriter Irish Mythen, as described by Lisa Schwartz of the Philadelphia Folk Festival. An incredible night of music awaits as this powerhouse performer comes to the Haliburton Highlands, performing a solo concert on Saturday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Hills United Church in Minden.

Irish Mythen was born in Ireland and now calls Charlottetown, P.E.I. home. She has performed at festivals around the world and has released three full-length albums and two EPs. She is, by vote, one of the three most requested artists to return to the Mariposa Folk Festival...after Joni and Gordon!

This is show No. 2 of the 2019-20 Concert Series hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Local musicians Jacob Outram and Scott Duggan will do an opening set.

Irish Mythen is a performer not to be missed! Be prepared for a performance that is full of wild emotion as she pours her heart and soul into every word she sings. You will be left in awe of her vocal talent, and remembering the show, songs and performer long after you've walked away.

Tickets are still available but selling fast. Find them online at [www.haliburtonfolk.com](http://www.haliburtonfolk.com) or in Minden at On the Spot Variety and Haliburton at Halco/The Source. Adults \$25, students and HCFS members \$20. \$30 at the door.

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### Away they go

Members of CARP chapter 54 from Haliburton were up early on Thursday, Oct. 31, ready to climb aboard the coach bus headed for Toronto to see Come From Away. The musical is about 7,000 airline passengers stranded in Gander, Nfld. following the Sept. 11 terror attacks in 2001. Air traffic was grounded and the passengers were taken in by area residents, who demonstrated great hospitality and caring for their unexpected guests. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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# Hawks soar past Saints in season finale

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks ended the 2019 Kawartha High School Football League season on a high note, dominating the visiting Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School to the tune of 28-7.

It was their first win of the six-game season.

A dedicated group of supporters, bundled up against the cold wind coming off Head Lake, were there to see the players, smiling from the sidelines.

The offensive scoring in this game was led by Grade 11 player Camden Marra, who scored two touchdowns. Scoring also came from Carson Sisson and Desi Davies, who scored touchdowns. The team scored a pair of two-point converts, which Sisson and Davies finished.

Marra, a first-year senior on the varsity team playing tailback said he didn't mind stepping into play quarterback in this game when injuries to both quarterbacks left the team no other choice.

He credits his teammates for his success.

"It was definitely nerve wracking, but I had a great group of guys with me that were helping me out. The previous two quarterbacks were helping me as well," he said, referring to understanding and executing plays.

The win against the Saints was more than satisfying, as the team not only doubled its scoring in one game, but kept the visitors to just one touchdown, which was a statistical bright spot for the Hawks on the season.

The Hawks were ranked fifth in defence among the field of eight teams when it came to points allowed.

Challenges this season included low turnout for tryouts and injuries leading to players playing iron man football: individuals playing defence and offence.

The team started with close to a couple dozen players and by the Saints win the



Red Hawks quarterback Camden Marra evades a St. Peter Catholic Secondary School tackler in the back field, just before he completed a short pass to teammate Carson Sisson during Kawartha High School Football League action on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks, who were led by Marra with two touchdowns, ended their season by beating the Saints 28-7. Scoring also came from Desi Davies, who scored a touchdown and completed a two-point convert while teammate Sisson also completed a two-point convert. /DARREN LUM Staff

team was left with closer to a little more than a dozen players. It left players playing on both sides of the ball and playing multiple positions and learning new positions on the fly.

Marra was one example, as he not only took snaps as quarterback like this game,

but also playing in the secondary where he was a defensive back, covering receivers on passing routes, and also on special teams where he also returned punts.

He is expecting to return to play next autumn in Grade 12.

Despite the difficulties of the season,

Marra appreciated the opportunity to play

"It was definitely tough with injuries, but we were able to keep the team alive. It's still fun. Even if you're losing, it's still a fun game," he said.

The team finished the season 1-6-0.



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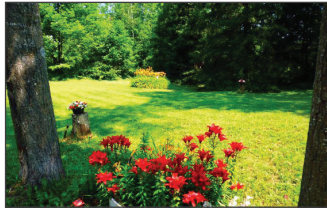
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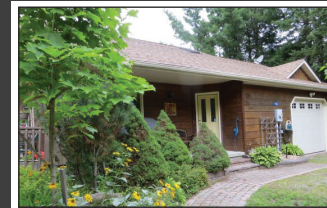
- Starter cottage
- 3 bedrooms
- Great waterfront



Gloria Carnochan\*  
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### Little Redstone \$499,000

- 3 season 2 bdrm cottage, level lot, wood heat
- No septic or running water, sits close to lake
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### Maple Lake Cottage \$589,900

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- N/W Sunsets, Shallow/Sandy Beach
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### Access to Tamarack Lk \$289,000

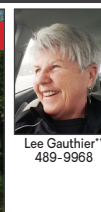
- Private year round cottage or home
- 3 bedrooms w/ living, dining, kitchen
- Beautiful pine interior, plus family room



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### Brady Lake Lot \$124,900

- Western Exposure for sun all day
- Dead end road between Property & Lake
- Partially owned waterfront
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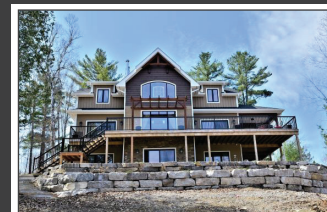


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- 104' waterfront on Gooderham Lk



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### NEW LISTING

### Kashagawigamog Lake \$499,999

- Level building lot on our 5-lake system
- Easy access off Wonderland Road
- Just 5 minutes from Haliburton

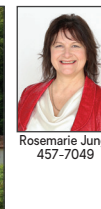


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### NEW LISTING

### Wenona Lake \$249,900

- Prime lot, SW exposure
- 136 feet frontage, clean rock/sand shoreline
- Municipal year round road access



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### Redstone Lake \$699,000

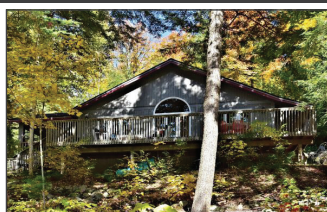
- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake



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### Black Lake \$399,000

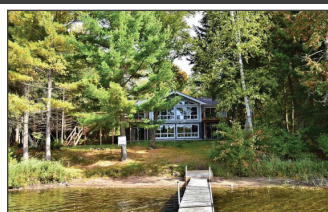
- 1,400 sq ft Log Cottage
- Open concept, 3 bed + Bunkie
- Clean waterfront



Brandon Nimigon\*  
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### Redstone Lake \$825,000

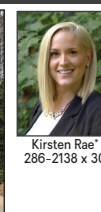
- Warm & inviting open concept interior
- 3 spacious bedrooms, full lower level
- Nestled on private 0.74-acre lot with 166' sand/rock shoreline



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### Ross Lake \$599,900

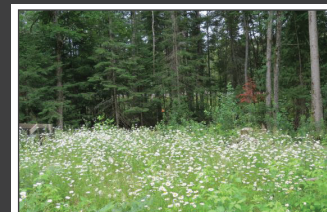
- Private 1.25-acre lot w/ 200+ ft water fr
- Custom designed 4 season cottage or home
- Pine Cathedral ceilings, wood frs, & more
- Outstanding chattel list, many upgrades!



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### Holmes Road \$35,900

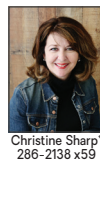
- Partially cleared, half acre building lot
- Within walking distance to downtown Wilberforce
- Quiet residential area



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### Loop Road \$49,900

- Harcourt property over 3 acres
- Building site cleared in a park like setting



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### Denna Lake \$489,000

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- 2 bedrooms on the upper level, 2 bath
- Full finished lower level, 2H from Toronto



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# Pride of Haliburton sets the standard at OFSAA

RORY GILFILLAN  
*Special to the Echo*

In a familiar story, Wayne Gretzky, at the age of nine, was called up to attempt to score on a breakaway against an NHL goalie. The goalie stopped the puck and as Gretzky skated away he slammed his stick into the ice. Even at nine, Gretzky

expected to score, regardless of who was in net.

This past Wednesday at the OFSAA Cross Country Championships in Sudbury, Haliburton local and Lakefield College School student Evan Armstrong may have felt the same.

Running is a sport that is defined as much by success at the finish line as it is by the process that gets an athlete to the start. Running is a linear endeavour that rewards athletes willing to put in long and lonely miles.

Throughout this season, Armstrong has been the kind of athlete who races full tilt for 4 km, climbs the podium, guides the rest of the races on his bike and then sticks around at the end of the day to help the coaches take the course down.

And while Armstrong was disappointed with his 68th place finish in the Novice category, it's important to note that this placing is not merely 68th in a cross country race but 68th in the entire province. Armstrong's grit and determi-



Haliburton's Evan Armstrong ran in the provincial cross-country championships last week, taking 68th place. /Photo submitted  
nation set a new standard for Lakefield College School's burgeoning cross country and Nordic programs.

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- CLUES ACROSS

  - 1. Egyptian bull-god
  - 5. America
  - 8. Type of field (abbr.)
  - 11. Reagan's Deputy AG
  - 13. Negative
  - 14. Mother of Hermes
  - 15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner
  - 16. In shape
  - 17. Oh my goodness!
  - 18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
  - 20. A form of "to be"
  - 21. Succulent plant
  - 22. Estranges
  - 25. Honest
  - 30. Showing conviction
  - 31. High schoolers' test
  - 32. Implant
  - 33. Acknowledgment
  - 38. Cash dispenser
  - 41. Transferred to another
  - 43. Superhero group
  - 45. Photographers
  - 48. Small, rich sponge cake
  - 49. Power to perceive
  - 50. Heavy cavalry sword
  - 55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate
- CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Type of degree
  - 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
  - 3. Large, predatory lizard
  - 4. River in Romania
  - 5. Biased
  - 6. Parties
  - 7. TV's used to need one
  - 8. Philly football player
  - 9. Recognized ethnic group of China
  - 10. Gradually disappear
  - 12. Large, dark antelope
  - 14. Vegetarians won't eat it
  - 19. Takes the energy out of
  - 23. Body part
  - 24. Succeed in achieving
- 25. Where golfers begin
  - 26. Computer memory
  - 27. One who buys and sells securities
  - 28. Midway between north and northeast
  - 29. Quiet and rather dull
  - 34. A limb on which to walk
  - 35. It precedes two
  - 36. Of she
  - 37. Commercials
  - 39. Necessary for sewing
  - 40. Infectious viral disease
  - 41. Expression of good wishes
  - 42. Some are contact
  - 44. More plentiful
  - 45. Secret political clique
  - 46. Behind the stern of a ship
  - 47. Supernatural force
  - 48. Altar in Orthodox churches
  - 51. Swiss river
  - 52. Impartiality
  - 53. "Luther" actor Idris
  - 54. They resist authority (slang)
  - 58. Criticize

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SIRCH Community Services food initiatives co-ordinator Jay McIvor serves up the vegan dish at the Lunch is on Us event at SIRCH Central, located at 2 Victoria Street in Haliburton in this file photo from last year. The free lunch program begins again this week. /DARREN LUM Staff

## SIRCH offering free lunches starting this month

SIRCH Community Services announced last week that it will again be hosting Lunch Is On Us, a free meal on Thursdays at SIRCH Central at 2 Victoria St. in Haliburton.

"Winter can be tough. Below freezing temperatures, limited sunlight, and higher-than-ever household expenses, can leave you feeling pretty down and alone some days," said Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH, in a media release. "Lunch Is On Us lets you meet up with your friends or come and make new ones while having a delicious and healthy lunch at no cost to you."

The program starts Nov. 7 and runs until Feb. 27 each Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no Lunch Is On Us on Boxing Day, Dec. 26.

"Each Thursday, Lunch Is On Us will feature a different menu," Jay McIvor, SIRCH's food initiatives co-ordinator, said. "For example, one week we may serve a hearty chilli with homemade buns, and another we'll serve grilled cheese with bacon and homemade soup –

always with a dessert, of course. We can serve 50 to 60 people each week. Meals can be eaten in or taken out."

There is no charge for the lunches, thanks to donations gathered through Gifts from the Heart, a campaign that runs through the holiday season, as well as sponsorships and individual donations.

"It's our way of thanking and supporting the community we live in, and we also are able to offer training opportunities to past graduates of Cook It Up. A donation jar will be available and if you'd like to 'pay it forward' we'd appreciate it, but there is no expectation – we just want people to come out, get warm, connect and have some fun," Robertson said.

For more information about Lunch Is On Us, visit [www.sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus](http://www.sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus) or call 705-457-1742.

If you'd like to donate to Gifts from the Heart, which funds Lunch Is On Us as well as many other community programs, go to [www.sirch.on.ca/gifts](http://www.sirch.on.ca/gifts).



# 'Ideal Dysart citizen' celebrates 90th year alongside family and friends

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The Premier of Ontario, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Governor General, and the Prime Minister of Canada all sent declarations wishing Len Salvatori a happy 90th birthday.

But despite those accolades, it was the huge crowd made up of family, friends and fellow community members at the Bonnie View Inn on Nov. 2 and those relatives and childhood buddies who had sent best wishes from afar that most made Salvatori beam with pride throughout the celebration.

"He's the best of the best," said Gary Brohman as he entered the party, seeking out his friend and mentor, who was walking around the room giving and getting as many hugs as years he was celebrating.

Don Popple spoke of Salvatori's beginnings and long career at Curry Motors. "The one thing about Lenny, is he always was a customer-comes-first advocate," said Popple, "and I like to think that thrived in our business."

Brohman spoke to "Sal's" work on the Haliburton County Board of Education which led to the renaming of the Haliburton Alternate Education and Training Centre to the Leonard Salvatori Alternate Education Centre in 2017.

"What I learned from Lenny, no matter what you're doing, there's always a solution," said Brohman, current school board trustee and former principal. "Get angry, fight the good fight but at the end of the day, Lenny, you taught me there's always a solution. You also taught me that you believe, and I quote you verbatim, the most precious gift we have in society is teaching our youth. You believed it and you did it and I tried to follow your footsteps."

Scotty LaRue spoke to the pair's lifelong friendship, while Salvatori's children – Andy, Lisa and Laurie – honoured their dad both as their father and for the person he is, letting the crowd know where to find him each day through his schedule that includes stops at local businesses, his love for painting and watching sports and *All in the Family* and his tradition of mailing out over 100 Christmas cards each year.

Letters were read from family and friends that included longtime Haliburton residents Scotty Morrison and Tom Hodgson. Mayor Andrea Roberts presented him with a plaque.

"Lenny, you are the ideal Dysart citizen, you really truly are," she said. "You've had a successful career here, you've raised a beautiful family, and your commitments to this community with your volunteer [efforts], it's just truly, truly, truly incredible. You're just the ideal Dysart citizen."

As guests spoke, Salvatori's children and grandchildren – some coming from out west for the event – surrounded him, a few linking arms with him as they shared his happiness.

"I'm totally, totally amazed that people showed up for this," said Salvatori, to laughter around the room. "I just did things in my lifetime, just did them because I wanted to do it. There was no special effort in anything. I enjoyed everything I did."

In a speech, Salvatori, an avid reader, referred to a book at home in noting the elements of a happy life.

First of all, finding wellbeing within a career.

"You have to occupy your time, and like what you're doing every day," he said. "That's pretty important if you're going to succeed."

Salvatori worked for 45 years at Curry Motors, eventually becoming co-owner. Popple said when Salvatori was about 19, in 1948 or so, he decided to "seek employment in the big city." He was looking to work for British-American Oil when he encountered Joe Iles in downtown Toronto, who suggested he work at Curry Motors instead. Ron Curry gave Salvatori one dollar bonus for every oil change he sold, which Popple said Salvatori very quickly turned into a \$20 a week bonus, gradually working his way up the ladder until he became auto body shop manager in the early 1970s and then became a shareholder and co-owner.

"I enjoyed every day I worked there," said Salvatori. "It was a great, great career."

Second, Salvatori said, you have to have strong relationships with people.

"If you're going to talk to someone, you want to be sincere when you're talking to them," he said. "I don't care who it is, where they are in your life, if you talk to people you want to be part of them, you want to be sincere in what you're saying. If you're not, don't say anything, because it doesn't mean anything."



Surrounded by family, friends and community members, Len Salvatori was celebrated at a party held at the Bonnie View Inn honouring his 90th birthday, which takes place this week. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Salvatori's eyes filled with tears throughout the celebration as friends and family acknowledged the life he shared with Betty, his beloved wife, with whom he was married for 43 years, and who he said gave him a nudge in the right direction if he was going "off-side."

"The greatest relationship I had of course was my wife, Betty," he said. "That was an unbelievable relationship. It was a little too short, but we had a great, great relationship. That's my whole life ... It was so strong that relationship. It's one of those things that just happened."

Third, Salvatori said, ideally you can find a way to be financially secure.

"If you want to live a decent life, you want to make sure that if you take a dollar, you want to know how to make that dollar work for you," he said. "Make it so you can enjoy a life all the way through life if you can. That's pretty difficult in today's society. There's all this economic stress out there, a lot of people are struggling from it."

Fourth, he said it was essential to be physical, which Mayor Andrea Roberts praised Salvatori for being. He continues to be an avid golfer and curler, both sports he excels at.

"You have to be physical, your mind has to be working, you have to be exercising and doing things in life that give you energy," he said. "If you don't have any energy you can't do anything. You have to be exercising, and doing the things that make it worthwhile."

And fifth, said Salvatori, is to get involved in the com-

munity. His friends and family recognized him for being a Scout leader for 30 years, being involved with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association for 45 years, serving on the Haliburton County Board of Education for 35 years and volunteering on the hospital board for nine years and at the fish hatchery for more than 20 years. Salvatori was named Highlander of the Year in 1978, and Haliburton Citizen of the Year in 1993.

"I don't think I have to tell anybody I was involved in the community, but I enjoyed every minute of it," he said.

Salvatori especially praised the Kosy Korner as a gathering spot for his circle of friends, known as the Liars' Club, as well as a blend of people from throughout the community, and strongly praised the Kosy Korner staff ("You can't wish for better people," he said) for both their service and friendship over the years.

"The whole community is important, you just have to sort it all out," he said. "It doesn't matter if you have money or not. It's important to say hi to people. Some people are in a bad way. Everybody needs somebody else."

Laughter and tears and memories were shared, as well as a reading of Rudyard Kipling's *If*. As Salvatori finished his speech, he looked at the crowd gathered and thanking everyone for being part of his life, said: "You people are the ones that are important. I just like to be part of it."



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**The Highland Storytelling Circle**  
When: Nov. 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Where: Radio Hall of Canoe FM.  
Join us with a story or just to listen. No charge, all welcome. For more information call Bob at 705 457 8617. Meets the first Thursday of the month

**Haliburton: Food Handler Course**  
When: Thursday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.  
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.

**Harvest Dinner**  
When: Friday, Nov. 8, two sittings: 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave.  
\$20/adult, \$10 child (13-6), under five free  
Turkey Dinner, Home-made Pie, Tea or Coffee  
Tickets available at: Thrift Shop, Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Jeff Moulton**  
When: Saturday, Nov. 9, 3 to 6 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom  
Cost: \$5 cover charge for non-members  
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

**Eleanor Cooper presents: Haliburton's Got Talent, "A share for water concert"**  
When: Sunday Nov. 10, 2 p.m.  
Where: West Guilford Community Ctr.  
Featuring: Carl Dixon, Bill Gliddon, Julie Barbin's dancers, Luba Carghill and more  
Entrance by donation at the door. All proceeds to Water Ambassadors Canada  
Changing lives with clean water.

**Heat Bank Night**  
When: Sunday, Nov. 10, 6 to 9 p.m.  
Where: Rhubarb  
Tickets: \$50 per person  
Savour delicious food, wine and locally crafted beer  
Live and silent auctions, live music by Chris Smith, emceed by Ted Brandon  
100% of all funds raised support Heat Bank Haliburton County  
Call Rhubarb for tickets: 705-489-4449

**No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic**  
When: Wednesday, Nov. 13  
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.  
Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

**Sexual Health Clinic**  
When: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appt., call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

# Speaker to bring unique story to inspirational event

CHAD INGRAM  
Staff Reporter

Sharon Campbell-Rayment is not Scottish, although she speaks with a Scottish accent.

Campbell-Rayment, who will give a keynote address at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce's first Inspiring Women's Luncheon later this month, is one of only a few dozen people in the world living with foreign accent syndrome, which she acquired through a brain injury.

"That's what I'm going to be talking about, is how that happened," Campbell-Rayment tells the *Echo*. A horse-back-riding accident about a decade ago led to the brain injury and subsequent concussion.

"I was diagnosed as completely disabled, I stuttered, I couldn't process words together," she says.

When language did return for Campbell-Rayment, the Canadian woman had acquired a Scottish accent. While she describes herself as sixth-generation Scottish, her family coming from Scotland generations ago, "none of my family spoke with an accent," she says, adding that human DNA has more memory than we give it credit for.

While this part of her story is obviously unique, Campbell-Rayment explains she uses it as a segue to talk about the more serious aspects of experiencing and living with a brain injury, and the ways she's dealt with it.

"That accident put a real standstill to my life," she says. Beginning her career as a nurse, Campbell-Rayment had also become a minister, and then gone on to become an entrepreneur. Her newfound condition meant she couldn't do many of the things she'd done before, and as she explains, recovering from her injury taught her to slow down, becoming more present, focused and mindful.

"We all need to keep living and making a living," she says.

Campbell-Rayment had to retrain her brain.

"Of course, we know that the brain is bent on negativity," she says, adding that developing strategies for



Sharon Campbell-Rayment is one of only a few dozen people in the world living with foreign accent syndrome, which she acquired through a brain injury. /Photo from [sharoncampbellrayment.com](http://sharoncampbellrayment.com)

maintaining positive thought were also part of her journey.

In the years since her accident, Campbell-Rayment has become an acclaimed author and speaker, using her experience and research to create what she calls her NeuroMindSHIFT process, which she says helps build the brain's resiliency with the ability to regain focus quickly when drawn off task, freeing the mind from common traps, and creating habits that lead to more focused thinking, better decision making and more effective problem solving.

The Inspiring Women's Luncheon will take place at the Haliburton Legion on Thursday, Nov. 28 from noon until 2 p.m. and tickets are \$30. For more information or to register, visit [www.haliburtonchamber.com](http://www.haliburtonchamber.com).

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— Sharon Campbell-Rayment

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NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 10th day of December** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 23, Concession 7, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part1 on a preliminary Plan of survey made by **Greg Bishop Surveying And Consulting Ltd., O.L.S., dated September 12, 2018.**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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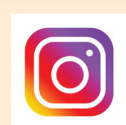
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# County declines declaration of climate emergency

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Haliburton County councillors decided not to make an official declaration that climate change is an emergency during an Oct. 23 meeting, but did pass a lengthy resolution noting the work the county is undertaking around combating climate change, and pledging to continue that work.

In June, the federal government declared climate change an emergency, which, as a report from county planner Charley White indicated, is a non-binding declaration of opinion with no specified action attached to it. A number of municipal governments have also taken the step of officially declaring climate change an emergency.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen said the issue had recently come to a joint environmental committee meeting, which brings together members of the environmental committees from the county's four lower-tier municipalities.

"I did get the strong feeling there should be some declarations made by all four municipalities . . . I did suggest it's something that should be talked about here, given that all four municipalities have asked the county to take the lead," Danielsen said.

The county is working on creating a climate change mitigation and adaptation plan and recently hired a climate change co-ordinator, a contract staff person who will be responsible for the creation of that plan.

"The climate change science is out there and it's extensively documented and it continues to grow every single day," White said, as she presented council with a report drafted by herself and public works director Craig Douglas regarding a potential declaration. "And what it really has told us is that the planet Earth, it's warming, and it's going to continue to warm, and most of that is really due to our actions."

"We see it here in Haliburton County in a number of different ways," White said, adding those included increased incidents of flooding, heat waves and water quality issues in local lakes.

"It should be noted that the county is not in a position to offer greenhouse

gas reduction targets, we're just not far enough along in the process," Douglas added.

Aside from the climate change plan itself, Douglas noted that other county efforts, such as the installation of larger culverts and its LIDAR mapping project, will also help to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Danielsen said she thought it was important for the county to make a statement about its commitment to climate change work, but was hesitant about making an official declaration.

"When it comes to making a declaration, in quotations, I have some anxiety about that because to me, when you make a declaration of some form of emergency, and this is a huge one, normally there's a plan in place to deal with that," she said, "and we've all gone through emergency planning and the process, and we're not there yet, and I'm just a little worried that making this declaration, as a declaration . . . given that we've just got someone on staff to start looking at this and giving us some clear direction, it might be a little bit early."

Other councillors seemed to agree with that sentiment.

"Certainly, we the world and the county that we live in, I don't think that there's anybody in the room that denies the reality of this," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

"I share the warden's reservations about doing something before you have enough knowledge to feel confident," Devolin said, adding, "We're not done, we've hardly started."

"We're already in the process of the doing," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding she'd prefer to wait until the county's new climate change co-ordinator had done some work and until the county had something more specific to say in the form of a declaration.

"So when the time comes, I'm sure that ultimately a declaration will be made, that we have one solid declaration to make to point us in the right direction for the future."

Council did pass a resolution with a statement, a lengthy one, reading as follows:

"And whereas climate change is occurring and contributing to billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local and inter-

national economies, including within the County of Haliburton; Whereas climate change is negatively impacting the health and survival of many species and natural environments worldwide and in the County of Haliburton; Whereas climate change is currently harming human populations through high water levels, wildfire and other extraordinary events; Whereas an emergency can be defined as 'an often dangerous situation requiring immediate action'; That County Council direct staff to continue their work on the municipal climate change mitigation and adaptation plan; That County Council direct staff to monitor opportunities specific to climate change mitigation and adaptation, in parallel with the development of, but prior to, the adoption of the Climate Change Plan, for Council consideration; and That County Council acknowledges the major impacts that climate change has and will continue to have in the County of Haliburton and commits to continue the significant work in the area of climate change currently underway at the county."

In a letter to county council prior to last week's meeting, citizen group Environment Haliburton encouraged council to make the declaration.

The letter read: "The board of directors of Environment Haliburton urges you to issue such a declaration now for the following reasons:

"1. There is a scientific consensus that a climate change emergency exists requiring urgent, immediate, and deep cuts to human-caused greenhouse gas emissions.

"2. Action at all governmental levels, as well across all sectors of our society,

is essential if we are to have a reasonable chance of limiting greenhouse gas emissions and related temperature increases to below 1.5 degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels.

"3. A declaration of a climate change emergency helps communicate the seriousness of the climate change threat and sets the stage for community-wide engagement on what we can do here in Haliburton County to both play our part in reducing emissions and adapting to the changes already locked-in due to past emissions.

"4. Wide-spread community support for a robust county-wide climate change plan will be essential to both the setting and achievement of significant emission reductions in the county, as well as mobilizing the resources required to protect people and property in the face of, for example, the increased incidence of extreme weather events and food insecurity."

Terry Moore, a director with Environment Haliburton, was present for last week's council meeting and told the *Haliburton Echo* the organization was disappointed with the outcome. Moore said the importance of the declaration was communicating to county residents the seriousness of the threat posed by climate change, "so that the community gets a sense of what its political leadership is saying at the local level," and so that residents are thereby more likely to take supportive actions. Moore did say he was optimistic there seemed to be an understanding the county would eventually make a declaration.

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# High voter turnout leads to upsets

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With one of the largest voter turnouts ever, cottagers let their voice be heard in many of the larger municipalities in the county.

While Chris Hodgson won the reeve's position by a landslide in Dysart et al, Anson, Hindon and Minden's race for reeve was too close to call until the final results

came in at 1 a.m. this morning.

By a margin of 148 votes, incumbent Bern Berry was elected AHM reeve, edging out councillor Verne Graham. Graham garnered 645 votes compared to Berry's 793. The two other candidates, former reeve Ray Moore and former Lutterworth reeve Ron

Gambell, came in at 492 and 396.

AHM's new deputy is Lewis Stevens, who had 1,377 voting for him, compared to 886 for Bob Newton (433).

In Dysart, it was a close vote for the deputy-reeve's chair. Newcomer Curry Bishop topped the polls with 1,057, with councillor Bob Nichol at 804 and newcomer Jack Cox at 552.

In Dysart's Ward 3, incumbent Lloyd Leadbeater, who served as deputy-reeve since a shake-up two years ago, inched out former Martin's Lumber employee Tom Coghlan. The vote was 126 to 122.

In Ward 5, Robert Heinze defeated Larry Tupling 216 to 127.

The four incumbent trustees, Len Salvatori (1,678), Nancy Stinson (1,378), Tim Casey (1,356) and Wayne Wood (1,230) were re-elected.

Cottagers came out in full force in AHM. In the 1988 election, about 350 people voted in the advanced polls; this year, with two advanced polls on Saturdays, the number reached over 1,200. Cottagers are usually the heaviest users of advanced polls.

"The cottagers have come out like they've never come out before," says Glamorgan's clerk, Elva Bates, in announcing the municipality's results.

In an upset vote, newcomer Beverly MacDuff beat out long-serving reeve Bob McCausland by a close vote of 366 to 327.

MacDuff was against the way council, of which she became a councillor in a 1990 by-election, handled the way it introduced market value assessment. Many voters seemed to agree with her, as incumbent councillors lost their seats.

New faces on Glamorgan council are lakeshore residents Bill Challis, leading with 408 votes, Lorrie Saville with 369 and local resident Earl MacDuff with 350. No longer on council are Alfred Trotter, who garnered 272 votes and Clive Taylor, who came in at 259. Roger Billings rounded out the poll at 243.

Voter turnout in Stanhope was "excellent", with approximately 75 percent more voters turning up at the polls to vote in Fred Gardner as reeve. With 433 votes, he beat out Ann Barker, who is presently deputy-reeve and who garnered 344 votes.

In other Stanhope races, incumbent councillor Murray Daniels topped the polls with 496 votes, followed by newcomers Barb Nangle, 448, Jim Hicks, 427, Bob Pollard, 354, and Ed Turner at 263.

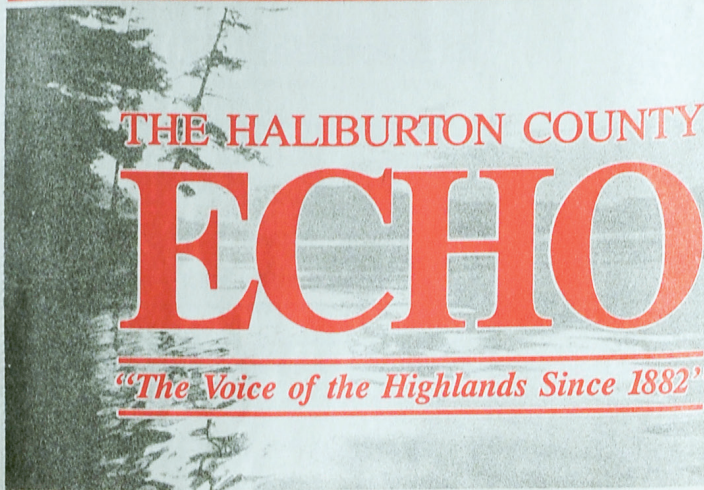
Incumbent councillors topped the polls in Lutterworth, where it was a five-way race for three councillor positions. Back on council are Maurice Boyd (336), Bill Valentine (292) and Lisa Mercer (226.) Losing their first-time bids were Paul Pilon Jr. (203) and William Moss (136).

The race was very close in Monmouth's race for deputy-reeve. Incumbent Harry Clark garnered 260 votes, compared to Jim Deterling's 248.

With approximately 25 percent of Monmouth's electorate voting (compared to a 10 percent turnout in previous elections), Dwain Tighe is back as councillor, topping the polls at 339, followed by newcomers Ruth Strong (293), Wren Hughes (229). Losing their bids are Michael Oram (199), Fred McHarrie (149), and Harry Dale (104).

Along with Monmouth, cottage turnout was not strong in Sherborne et al, with its usual 10 percent voter turnout. Getting on as the three councillors are Robert Canning (223), incumbent Joyce McKey (176), and by only one vote, Lyle Aubin with 167 votes.

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## What role will the Legion play in the future?

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Editor

Every blustery November 11, the trim rows of men in blue uniforms march solemnly down main streets across the country. But in recent years, the lines have grown smaller, the hair has grown grayer, and the step is not as sure as it once was.

An 18-year-old boy who signed up in the army, navy or air force in September, 1939 is now 70 years old. Many of the men they went to battle with were older than that; others signed up in later years. Now we are in the midst of the 50th anniversaries of the events which transformed their lives — and history.

With the number of veterans dwindling at an estimated 25,000 a year, what will be the role of the Royal Canadian Legion a decade from now? There are no World War I vets left in Haliburton; what happens when the World War II vets are gone too?

"Unfortunately, the Legion's not dying but it is losing its purity as a veterans club. But we don't want to have a war to get recruits — that's the last thing these veterans would want," says Dave

McAdam, president of Minden Branch 636.

"As time goes on," says the Haliburton Legion's president, Ed Pickard, "I'm not sure where we're heading. How do we attract new members and keep it associated with the military?"

After World War I, many veterans associations sprung up, but by their number, they were almost counter-productive in their aim to get federal benefits for their members. The Great War Veterans' Association gained ascendancy, and in 1925, oversaw the amalgamation of many of the smaller groups into the Royal Canadian Legion.

There are still 600,000 veterans left in Canada, says Greg Hogan, the secretary of the Dominion Command Poppy Committee in Ottawa. Recent legislation opening up benefits to those who served in the Gulf War and in Canada's peacekeeping missions, adds another 100,000.

As the veterans get older, they need the Legion more, and Hogan says Canada's benefit package is one of the best in the world.

"For the foreseeable future, the Legion will carry on much as it

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Memories of fallen comrades . . .

REMEMBERING: Local veterans and Legion members marched in sombre procession to the cenotaph in Haliburton on Monday for a Remembrance Day ceremony. The parade was led by the Haliburton Legion Pipe Band, and included the Cadet Corps as well as the colour party. For the first time in years, it didn't snow.

## Junior high works with good teachers: Saunders

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Editor

The key to a successful junior high school is choosing the right teachers and administrators, says the county's director of education.

"If you have a principal who has talent, if you have good teachers who are highly motivated and provide good leadership, you'll have a good school," Brad Saunders said in an interview with *The Echo*. "If you have bad teachers, it doesn't matter how you're organized, it's going to be a bad school."

"What really matters is do you have teachers committed to working with kids of that age group. You have to put square pegs in square holes."

Everyone has a legitimate opinion about the correctness of a school for Grades 7, 8 and 9 students, he says. "There is no right answer or correct one."

But a junior high school would not simply be a free-standing replica of how those grades are being taught now. A new, comprehensive study of educating young adolescents in what are known as "the transition years" is *Rites of Passage*, which Saunders cites.

At present, the majority of

schools have Grades 7, 8 and 9 on a rotary system, with students going from class to class for electives such as music and physical education. The old theory was this would help them make the adjustment from elementary school, where one teacher taught all subjects, to high school, where different subjects are taught by different teachers.

"Current research is we couldn't be doing it in a worse fashion," says Saunders. At that age group, when so many other things are changing in their lives, students "need consistency and few adult figures so they're not bouncing from person to person. That's one of the reasons why the Ministry of Education is thinking about destreaming."

Saunders, who arrived in August, suggested the junior high school, not only as a solution to the accommodation crisis, but also as the best means of meeting the students' needs.

"We can do a better job and we owe it to them to do it," says Saunders, who's convinced the county has the necessary number of committed and talented teachers to make it work. "The longer I'm at it, the more I find very caring people looking for better ways to

meet the needs of the kids.

"Sometimes we make bad choices (but) we're learning more and more about how kids learn and how the brain works. All we can do is respect the new information and try to do a better job."

Saunders says trustees asked the administration for input when it seemed the accommodation debate would never end.

"Now that we have approval for funding, the concern was that this board was coming to the end of its term and it was felt a decision should be made by this board, or else you'd essentially be starting this whole dialogue all over again."

It was Saunders' suggestion to amalgamate the board's Minden and Haliburton accommodation committees since this was a county issue, not a village issue. At the first meeting, "there was a fair bit of frustration with having dialogued and consulted to death, with no clarity emerging from it."

With all the concern about Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden becoming too big if the proposed 11-room addition was built, the subject was reviewed. "But the frustration still existed

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THE LAST POST: Piper Earl Cooper listens pensively as Damon Smith plays the Last Post at Haliburton's Remembrance Day service on Monday.

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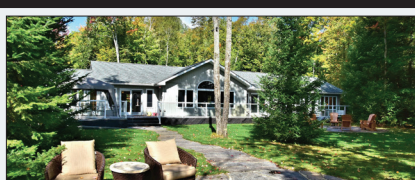
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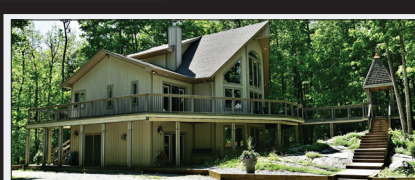
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